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SUBJ: KURT MATTICK VISIT TO CYPRUS

1. KURT MATTICK, LEADING MEMBER OF SPD AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF FRG BUNDESTAG, ARRIVED CYPRUS JULY 17 ON ORIENTATION TRIP. JULY 19 HE HAD LUNCH WITH GOC FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN CHRISTOPHIDES AND WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT RECEPTION GIVEN BY FRG AMBASSADOR. JULY 21 HE HAD MEETINGS WITH GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS, DEMOCRATIC FRONT LEADER AND EX-FOREIGN MINISTER SPYROS KYPRIANOU, AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD, EDEK LEADER DR. LYSSARIDES AND HAD LUNCH WITH DIRGEN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY GEORGE PELAGHIAS. ON JULY 23
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AND 24, MATTICK MET FORMER GREEK NEGOTIATOR CLERIDES, GREEK

AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS, TURKISH CHARGE INHAN, TURK CYPRIOT LEADER
DENKTASH AND ARCHBISOP MAKARIOS.

2. FRG EMBASSY COUNSELOR KURBJUHN REPORTED TO US THAT MATTICK
WAS TROUBLED BY POOR PROSPECTS FOR MOVMENTS IN CYPRUS PROBLEM.
IN AN EFFORT TO DO A LITTLE MORE PUSHING, MATTICK CHANGED HIS
SCHEDULE TO GO TO ATHENS AND ANKARA ON HIS WAY BACK TO GERMANY.
HIS AIM IN BOTH CAPITALS WAS TO IMPRESS ON GOVERNMENT LEADERS
SPD CONCERN ABOUT LACK OF PROGRESS IN THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

3. IN JULY 21 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD, MATTICK
EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND CONVICTION THAT USG AND FRG COULD NOT
LET THEMSELVES BECOME DISCOURAGED OVER THE APPARENT IMPASSE IN
NEGOTIATION AND INTRANSIGENCE IN PARTIES CONCERNED. HE FELT
BOUHT COUNTRIES SHOULD RENEW AND REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS WITH
WALDHEIM AND THE PARTIES TO ADVANCE AND ULTIMATELY CONCLUDE A
NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

4. MATTICK TOOK AN INSTANT DISLIKETO MAKARIOS, WHOM HE FOUND
THEATRICAL, UNCONVINCING AND THE MOST EFFECTIVE OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS
IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE WAS CHARMED BY
DENKTASH ALTHOUGH HE FOUND HIM EQUALLY STUBBORN. CLERIDES
IMPRESSED MATTICK, AS HE DOES MOST FOREIGN VISITORS, AS THE
MOST REASONABLE AND PRERSUASIVE FIGURE IN THE GAME.
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